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SUBJECT: DEATH CASE: ANTHONY MACCHIA

1. SENATOR RIBICOFF AND CONGRESSMAN ST. GERMAIN INTERESTED

2. MRS. PHYLLIS FORMATO CONTACTED DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION RE FATHER'S DEATH. MRS. FORMATO WAS ADVISED OF DEATH BY A MRS. BAU (PHONETIC SPELLING) A GERMAN CITIZEN AND NEIGHBOR OF MR. MACCHIA. MR. MACCHIA REPORTEDLY WAS IN CHARGE OF CONDOMINIUM AT MIAMI PLAYA IN WHICH HE OCCUPIED AN APARTMENT. ACCORDING TO MRS. BAU, THE DECEASED ADVISED HER THAT HE WAS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY WITH AN AMERICAN NAME UNKNOWN, WHO RESIDED IN SAME CONDOMINIUM. MRS. BAU STATED THAT SHE LAST SAW MR. MACCHIA ALIVE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19 IN THE COMPANY OF THE AMERICAN CITIZEN. A SHORT WHILE LATER, INFORMANT STATED THAT SHE OBSERVED MR. MACCHIA IN HIS CAR AND A SECOND CAR SHE BELIEVES BELONGED TO THE OTHER AMERICAN CITIZEN QUICKLY DROVE AWAY. WHEN MR. MACCHIA FAILED TO GET OUT OF HIS CAR, SHE DECIDED TO CHECK ON HIM. UPON OPENING THE CAR DOOR, SHE OBSERVED THAT MR. MACCHIA HAD TURNED BLUE AROUND
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THE MOUTH AND HIS HEAD WAS PRESSED BACKWARD AGAINST THE

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SEAT. SHE CONTACTED LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

3. MRS. BAU INFORMED MRS. FORMATO THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES WERE NOT INTERESTED IN PURSUING MATTER SINCE IT INVOLVED TWO AMCITS. HOWEVER, LOCAL AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY CONFISCATED PASSPORT OF UNKNOWN AMCIT. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER PASSPORT HAS BEEN RETURNED.

4. MRS. FORMATO CLAIMS THAT THE UNKNOWN AMCIT HAS REQUESTED AUTHORITY FROM LOCAL POLICE TO ENTER DECEASED'S PREMISE FOR UNKNOWN DOCUMENTS. SHE REQUESTS POST MAKE EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT PERSONAL EFFECTS ARE IN SAFE HANDS. SHE WOULD APPRECIATE INFO RE FOLLOWING: WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED PRIOR TO BURIAL? WHO AUTHORIZED BURIAL? CAN POST ASCERTAIN WHETHER POLICE INVESTIGATED INCIDENT? IF NEGATIVE, CAN POST REQUEST THAT INVESTIGATION AS TO THE CAUSE OF DEATH BE INITIATED? NAME AND ADDRESS OF OTHER AMCIT INVOLVED.

5. POST REQUESTED PROVIDE ABOVE INFO AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFO NOT SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO MRS. PHYLLIS FORMATO, 645, DOGWOOD DRIVE, CHESHIRE, CONN. 06401 (TEL: 203-272-7396). ROBINSON

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